

Board of Selectman  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, July 25, 2019 at 7:30 pm  
Town Hall Meeting Room

This meeting was videotaped and can be viewed on Channel 79 and on our Town of Weston Website.

- 1- **Call to order:** Selectman Samantha Nestor called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm with Selectmen Stephan Grozinger present. First Selectman Chris Spaulding was not present due to illness. Present was Town Administrator Jonathan Luiz, Administrative Assistance Randi Derene (videotaping) and members of the audience.
- 2- **Pledge of Allegiance:** Ellen McCormick led in the recitation of the Pledge.
- 3- **Discussion/decision concerning a grievance filed by Al Blizzard / AFSCME Council 4:** AFSCME's Rob Montuori said the Union wanted to appeal to the State Labor Board, in order to spare the Weston resident involved of any possible embarrassment. Selectman Grozinger moved and Selectman Nestor seconded to deny the AFSCME grievance. The motion carried unanimously.
- 4- **Discussion/decision to appoint Hillary Koyner to the Board of Education for a term to end November 5, 2019:** Ms. Koyner was interviewed. Selectman Grozinger moved and Selectman Nestor seconded to appoint Hillary Koyner to the Board of Education for a term to end 11/5/19.
- 5- **Discussion/decision regarding deer hunting on Town-owned property:** Tabled.
- 6- **Discussion/decision to allow for private facility use of Lachat Farm on a trial basis:** Ellen McCormick explained that former Selectman Dennis Tracey advised that private rentals are allowed on a limited basis if fees paid go to the Farm. Mr. Luiz stressed that Fiscal Year 2019-20 would serve as a trial, with one wedding and three other private events to be allowed. Ms. McCormick said she mailed letters out on Monday to neighbors within five hundred feet of the barn. She said the letters provide information about the upcoming wedding, including hours that music will be played. Selectman Grozinger said he wanted to give the neighbors more time to object to the wedding event. This item was tabled.
- 7- **Discussion/decision to adopt facility use guidelines for the Senior Center:** Mr. Luiz explained that a local Hebrew school asked if it could rent the Senior Center facility after hours. This led to the concept of adopting a facility use policy. Selectman Grozinger moved and Selectman Nestor

seconded to adopt the proposed facility use policy and application for the Weston Senior Center, provided that the policy is revised to indicate this as an hourly license and not a lease. The motion carried unanimously.

- 8- **Discussion with the Weston Soccer Club concerning its turf field replacement fund contribution:** Soccer Club President Bob Johnson advocated that the Soccer Club should pay less towards turf replacement because his club members use the turf field far less than others. The Selectmen will research the matter and get back to Mr. Johnson with a response. No Motion
- 9- **Discussion/decision regarding an appointment to the Commission for the Arts:** Selectman Grozinger moved and Selectman Nestor seconded to appoint Kristin Ann Kreuder to the Weston Commission for the Arts for a term to end June 30, 2021. The motion carried unanimously.
- 10- **Discussion/decision to establish a Sidewalk Design and Construction Committee:** Selectman Grozinger moved and Selectman Nestor seconded to create a Sidewalk Design and Construction Committee consisting of up to seven members and to charge the Committee with recommending a sidewalk design to the Board of Selectmen and to assist the Town Administrator and Town Engineer with construction oversight. The motion carried unanimously.
- 11- **Discussion/decision to appoint Dawn Egan, Taffy Miller, Jeff Farr, Theodore Von Rosenvinge, Richard Wolf, and Kate Hauser to the Sidewalk Design and Construction Committee:** Selectman Grozinger moved and Selectman Nestor seconded to appoint Dawn Egan, Taffy Miller, Jeff Farr, Theodore Von Rosenvinge, Richard Wolf, and Kate Hauser to the Sidewalk Design and Construction Committee. The motion carried unanimously.
- 12- **Selectman's updates –**  
Road repaving schedule – Selectman Nestor explained that paving has been delayed so BETA Group can analyze the roads that were set to be improved. Mr. Luiz said it is possible that the scope of work changes. He said if the scope of work changes, then more funding may be needed to complete all the roads the DPW Director scheduled to be worked on this summer. Potential gift for library expansion – Selectman Nestor explained that First Selectman Spaulding had a fruitful conversation last week with Richard Orenstein, Trustee of the Daniel E. Offutt, III Charitable Trust, about the potential of the Town receiving a donation to expand the Library. The project architect will seek approval from the Historic District Commission. **No motions.**
- 13- **Property Tax Refunds:** Selectman Grozinger moved and Selectman Nestor seconded to approve tax refunds totaling \$11,546.63, as presented. The motion carried unanimously.
- 14- **Board of Selectmen Minutes Approval - July 11, 2019:** Selectman Grozinger moved and Selectman Nestor seconded to approve the unapproved minutes of the July 11, 2019 Board of Selectmen meeting, as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

15- **Adjournment:** Selectman Grozinger moved and Selectman Nestor seconded to adjourn at 8:32pm. The motion carried unanimously.

Minutes submitted by Randi Derene, Administrative Assistant

Approved: August 8, 2019